

REMARKS

Applicant submits this response to the final Office Action mailed December 7, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed February 21, 2007. The undersigned also notes with appreciation the interview granted by Examiner Drodge on February 27, 2007. The Spainhour reference and claim language similar to the foregoing amendments were discussed.

Applicant repeats herein its earlier arguments with respect to the Spainhour reference. Simply stated, the cited reference is limited to a washing step of a polymer only. On the contrary, the claimed invention is directed to the washing of a mixture containing the MCP composition - - no polymer. During the interview, the Examiner suggested that clarifying language could be inserted into the claims to clearly indicate that the claimed method is an intermediate step in the process for synthesizing methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl. With this clarifying language, and further in view of the shortcoming of the cited Spainhour reference, applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. The rejection is traversed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2127.

Respectfully Submitted,

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